

JUNE 30, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, Iowa, met at the Calamus Fire Department, Calamus, Iowa. Present were Supervisors Davisson, Schmidt and Staszewski.

6:45 P.M. Discussion – Local Volunteer Fire Departments regarding Communications

Chairperson Davisson explained a commission oversees the emergency communications operations in the County, but the Board of Supervisors is willing to assist as it can with any issues.

Issues were brought up about signal repeaters that were recently installed as well as paging issues through radios and text. Representatives from the fire departments said these issues have been happening for years and would like a long-term solution as opposed to short-term patches.

Clinton County Communications Director Eric Dau explained they are hoping that adding a repeater to a new Department of Transportation (DOT) tower in DeWitt will solve many of the issues. However, that DOT tower has been delayed for a year. He said building a single tower for communications would be expensive.

Davisson asked Dau to request a proposed schedule from the DOT concerning the construction of the new tower.

Discussion also centered on using water towers in local communities for repeater locations. However, there were concerns that the water towers may already be too crowded with other radio devices.

It was also resolved that the County Communications Technical Board would revisit its by-laws to include at-large members from the rural County volunteer fire departments.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the Clinton County Administration Building in Clinton, Iowa.

Eric Van Lancker, County Auditor

Jill M. Davisson, Chairperson

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Chairperson